

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2312

To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to change the numerical identifier used to identify Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 16, 2006

Mr. DURBIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Social Security Num-
5 ber Protection Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND**
2 **HUMAN SERVICES TO CHANGE THE NUMER-**
3 **ICAL IDENTIFIER USED TO IDENTIFY MEDI-**
4 **CARE BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE MEDICARE**
5 **PROGRAM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health
8 and Human Services shall establish and implement proce-
9 dures to change the numerical identifier used to identify
10 individuals entitled to benefits under part A of title XVIII
11 of the Social Security Act or enrolled under part B of such
12 title so that such an individual's social security account
13 number is not displayed on the identification card issued
14 to the individual under the Medicare program under such
15 title or on any explanation of Medicare benefits mailed to
16 the individual.

17 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
18 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
19 necessary to carry out this section.

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